

Possibilities Unbound: County Strategic Teams



DUBOIS

COUNTY STRATEGIES & TACTICS

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1. Identify diversification strategies that enhance the economic viability of producers of different sizes and interests.

Develop a small business advisory group to conduct and collect consumer and market research.

Provide technical assistance in production, processing, packaging and marketing issues.

Create a local website that would facilitate coordination and share information between local growers and producers. Site would also be used for coordinated marketing efforts.

2. Promote the education and proper use of Dubois County woodlands.

Develop educational brochure(s) that will educate landowners of the income potential associated with proper hardwood management and harvesting.

Develop demonstration woodlots for persons/organizations to visit and tour best practices in timber management and harvesting.

Encourage the use of Professional Foresters and Management Plans.

3. Communicate, educate and coordinate consistent science based regulatory standards for Dubois County.

Improve communication and coordination between agriculture community and regulatory authorities.

Address the continued difficulties associated with competing land uses like residential and agriculture.

Develop land use regulations to protect agricultural interests.

4. Support local economic development through competitive and environmentally responsible growth of the local livestock and poultry industry.

Identify and implement Best Management Practices (BMP) for livestock production.

Manage livestock waste by monitoring opportunities to utilize mutually beneficial technologies process.

Educate the public on the economic value of livestock management through multiple mediums, including speakers, seminars, and print/electronic information.

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- 1. Develop a strategic plan that protects existing agriculture and creates an environment for growth in the value-added, ag-related industries.**

Build consensus among landowners, enlist support of incorporated communities, and secure the commitment of County Commissioners.
Develop a public education program.

- 2. Increase the economic viability of animal production.**

Create new interest among producers in animal production as a profitable enterprise.
Develop a livestock association.
Address barriers that will increase the profitability of livestock production.

- 3. Increase opportunities for energy production**

Form a committee to develop a feasibility plan and identify needed resources for facility(s).

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1. Explore the viability of bio fuels.

Establish a working group to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of bio fuel production.

2. Increase the amount of food processing business in county.

Develop a network of producers.
Identify potential producers.

3. Increase the economic viability of producers through diversification.

Increase the variety of specialty crops grown.
Develop relationships with existing local agencies to increase agri-tourism opportunities.

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- 1. Enable economic development in Perry County by discovering the regulatory needs of the county and then working with legislators to achieve them.**

Establish a Task Force of key Perry County stakeholders to monitor and inform legislation and regulations at the state level.

- 2. Develop a working, competitive, value-added agriculture program for Perry County.**

Create a Growers Group.

Develop a Farmers Market/Delivery Routes/Metro Buying Club.

Further develop resources.

- 3. Increase the cost-competitiveness of Perry County's high quality hardwood products by promoting education of woodlot owners and pursuing new options for diversification and technology advancements for the hardwood industry.**

Develop database of woodlot owners in Perry County.

Gather educational material to distribute to woodlot owners.

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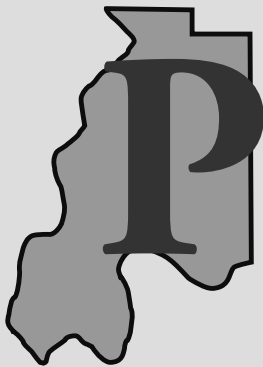
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- 1. Remove barriers that impede growth and competitiveness of hardwoods in Pike County.**
Identify targeted landowners, and educate them regarding management of hardwood resources.
Educate community regarding how regulations affect timber.
- 2. Establish a hub of diverse production opportunities to increase economic activity in Pike County.**
Implement new Pike County Farmers Market.
Provide marketing and support for new Farmers Market.
- 3. Make Pike County an attractive and diverse economic hub in Southwest Indiana by developing consensus on regulations and streamlining them.**
Develop a County Ombudsman.
Focus on County's Zoning needs.

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POSEY

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1. Make private land owners aware of the existing and potential opportunities for forest resources.

Identify private hardwood owners.

Develop educational program for current and potential owners.

2. Assure that the updated comprehensive plan will balance non-ag and ag growth and protect ag land for future generations.

Develop a mechanism for influencing the County Council to fund a comprehensive plan.

Assist with identifying funding sources.

3. Increase the economic viability of producers through diversification.

Identify potential non-traditional crop alternatives that could benefit from pivot irrigation.

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- 1. Develop a marketing plan for Spencer County food products.**
Define markets for specialty products.
- 2. Study diversification opportunities through Agri-tourism and then increase the diversification of Spencer County agricultural production to meet the appropriate needs.**
Study the varied markets that are viable for Agri-tourism due to the increased traffic from Holiday World being located in Spencer County. Potential markets for consideration include: shrimp, tilapia, popcorn, white corn, animal diversification.
- 3. Determination whether bioenergy is fit for Spencer County.**
Conduct a study to determine the economic viability of energy production in Spencer County, including addressing what type(s) of energy production is most suitable for Spencer County.

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1. Promote usage of alternative energy and alternative fuel options.

Educate public on alternative energy and fuel options.
Utilize grant / refund programs to convert school buses and other local vehicles to use of alternative fuels.

2. Identify new market opportunities to increase economic viability for Vanderburgh County agriculture producers.

Complete market research to identify local opportunities and partnerships for pharmaceutical crops.
Educate producers and implement programs to help them convert to organic production.
Review local aquaculture opportunities.

3. Work with local culinary incubator initiative to create strategic opportunities for Vanderburgh County agriculture producers.

Create representation of agriculture producers on task force for culinary incubator.
Establish partnerships with Regional Farmers Markets to create markets for culinary incubator products.

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- 1. Coordinate agriculture producers and local officials concerning all environmental, zoning, and planning issues, for proper land use and taxation.**

Educate county on concerns with local and regional taxations laws through a roundtable event encouraging legislative and public attendance.
Educate County Commissioners and Planning Commission on environmental issues/impact through presentation of working group.
- 2. Provide Warrick County producers a market to improve job opportunities and the health of county residents with fresh food products.**

Conduct feasibility study, potentially coordinated by SWCD representative.
Develop cooperative or county market of small producers to serve as centralized location for customers and local farmers.